

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. It disturbs me that this can even happen with no comment from the FCC.

How can Sinclair use public airwaves free of charge this way when Sinclair is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Partisan politics is not in the public interest: when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter. I am beginning to rely less and less on television news as a source of clear information.

I feel strongly that Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.